



HONORABLE THOMAS R. LAMONT
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Manpower & Reserve Affairs)

Mr. Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), is responsible for the supervision of the manpower, personnel and reserve component affairs for the Department of Army. In this position, he serves as the Army's point person for policy and performance oversight of human resources (military, civilian and contractor), training, readiness, mobilization, military health affairs, force structure, manpower management, equal opportunity, equal employment opportunity and other critical matters as part of the Army leadership.

On April 27, 2009, President Barack H. Obama nominated Thomas R. Lamont as Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) and he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 18, 2009. Prior to his appointment, he was the Chair of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees and a longtime Springfield, Illinois attorney and resident partner for the Chicago firms of Gordon & Glickson and Altheimer & Gray, and the historic Springfield firm of Brown, Hay & Stephens, whose members previously included Abraham Lincoln. He concentrated his practice in Government Law and Legislative Affairs.

In the public arena, Mr. Lamont served as Assistant Illinois Attorney General, Executive Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and Special Counsel and Adjunct Professor of Law to the University of Illinois. In the mid 1970's, he served as a Counsel to the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives.

In 1990, Mr. Lamont was elected to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. In addition, he served as a trustee of the State University Retirement System, a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, and on U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon's Military Academy Appointments Committee.

He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, U.S. District Courts and Illinois State Courts.

Mr. Lamont served as a Judge Advocate General in the Illinois Army National Guard for over 25 years. He culminated his career serving as the Illinois Staff Judge Advocate and retired as a Colonel in 2007. His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Mr. Lamont received his bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 1969 (Honorary Doctor of Laws, 2011) and earned his law degree from the University of Illinois, College of Law in 1972 (Distinguished Alumni Award, 2009).